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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to strongly urge you to support the current settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I firmly believe that there should be no further action against Microsoft regarding the proposed negotiated settlement. Although the litigation should have never brought forth several years ago, this current settlement is the result of a fair, judicious and reasonable process that should be respected.

This settlement is unique in that it has the necessary enforcement powers to ensure that the terms of the agreement are abided by. The agreement contains a provision that allows private companies such as SUN Microsystems, Apple and IBM to sue Microsoft should the company not follow the terms of the settlement. Additionally, the agreement requires Microsoft to submit to a government technical oversight committee and to change their business, licensing and marketing practices to foster greater competition. This settlement signals the end of a long and drawn out process and should be respected.

With all that is going on in the world, a faltering economy, and more significant national priorities I hope that you will help support this settlement in its current state. It is a shame that a company like Microsoft who builds a superior product and is a major contributor to the economy would be consistently hounded by a government that is supposed to support free enterprise.

Sincerely,



Allen Sisson